

508-518 South Meyer Avenue
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

HABS No. AZ-73-33

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 508-518 S. Meyer Ave., Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.
USGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970

Present Owner: Carlos G. Robles
38 N. Church Ave.,
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Present Occupants: #508, Anthony Pesquiera
#512 Josefina Jackson
#516 Vacant

Present Use: Residential

Significance: This block of three apartments adjoins another row of
apartments to form a continuous sequence of flush-fronted
structures to the corner of South Meyer Avenue and West
Kennedy Street. The Early Sonoran Transitional structure
displays an Anglo influence through its gabled roof. The
sequence of long blocks of buildings along this side of
South Meyer Avenue contributes to the planar qualities
of the streetscape.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: pre-1880 probably.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See chain of title below.

Block 242, Lot 20.

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| 1882 | Deed, June 8, 1882, recorded in Volume 11, page 386.
William C. Davis to Reyes Romero. |
| 1887 | Deed, October 24, 1887, recorded in Volume 15, page 181.
Reyes and Dolores C. de Romero to María C. de Brena. |
| 1904 | Deed, March 12, 1904, recorded in Volume 35, page 365.
Rosario and María C. de Brena to James Ewing. |

- 1910 Deed, October 8, 1910, recorded in Volume 50, page 33.
James and Mary Francis Ewing to Silvestre E. Gould.
- 1920 Deed, January 15, 1920, recorded in Volume 43, page 590.
Silvestre E. Gould to B ernabe Robles.
- 1947 Deed, December 26, 1947, recorded in Volume 40, page 489.
Estate of B ernabe Robles to Joaquina S. Robles.
- 1948 Deed, July 28, 1948, recorded in Volume 99, page 27.
Joaquina S. Robles to B ernabe S. Robles et al.
- 1954 Deed, December 31, 1954, recorded in Volume 789, page 383.
B ernabe S. Robles et al to Carlos G. Robles.
- 1972 Deed, May 24, 1972, recorded in Volume 4258, page 286.
Robles to Robles.
- 1972 Deed, May 24, 1972, recorded in Volume 4258, page 283.
Robles to Robles.

4. Builder: Reyes Romero

5. Alterations and additions: There were no significant modifications made to this structure between 1909 and 1948.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with this Structure:

The name of Reyes Romero is connected with this property both through ownership records and city directories. Reyes Romero, a teamster, and his brother (or son), Jesus Romero, listed as a farmer, probably also built the stables and adobe hay barn that extended behind the house along the north and west property lines. The Romeros remained on this property until the early 1900s. In 1920 the property passed into Robles' hands and a succession of tenants have moved in and out of the apartments until the present time. One of the dwellings was used as "La Costa del Sol" bakery, run by Jose Moreno during the late 1920s, and another was used as a barbershop during the early 1920s. Many of the tenants who lived in these apartments for a short time are associated with residences or families elsewhere on S. Convent and S. Meyer avenues --Feliciano Fimbres (509 S. Meyer), Hilario Gallego (571 S. Meyer), Miguel Bustamante, Juan Vindiola, Remigia Boj rquez, and Ram n Camacho.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION (See Significance, above, and Barrio Libre {Barrio Historico} (HABS No. AZ-73) for site plan and historical background essay.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948.
Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Company (Microfilm, Recorder's records).
Tucson City Directories, 1897-1979.

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ADDENDUM TO

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